

But to see why the board could not make a rule for the proper government of the department, and upon the suggestion of Mr. Manning, the whole matter was referred to the city attorney, to be reported back to a special meeting, if necessary.

The question of the election of a chairman up at this point, and Mr. Landis nominated Captain Hulse, Mr. Walsh named Sergeant Atton, and Mr. Manning named Sergeant Kerse, Sewell and Hulse, stating in doing so that he thought that young blood should be placed at the head of the department. The nominations were closed and balloting was begun.

The first ballot disclosed the following vote: Hulse, 3; Kerse, 2; Gibson, 2; Werner, 1. For six ballots the vote remained the same, and with the exception of the fourth, when Mr. Manning voted for Sewell. In the eleventh ballot Messrs. Carthy went over to Hulse. When the twenty-fifth ballot had been announced, with two votes each for Kerse and Werner, three for Hulse and one for Gibson.